



STETSON UNIVERSITY
FALL COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2001
NINE O'CLOCK
EDMUNDS CENTER
DELAND, FLORIDA

Stetson University
Commencement



FALL 2001 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

President H. Douglas Lee, Presiding
Professor W. Wayne Dickson, University Mace Bearer
Professor Robert W. Weickel, Vice President Judson P. Stryker,
and Vice President James R. Beasley, University Marshals

PROCESSIONAL

Processional Fanfare

Elgar Howarth

Stetson University Brass Ensemble
David Schmidt, Director

INVOCATION

Laura Walters Baskett
University Chaplain

WELCOME

H. Douglas Lee
President

SENIOR ADDRESS

Rachel Dyben

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Robert K. Sitler
Associate Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures
2001 Recipient of the McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

James E. Woodward
Chair, Council of Deans

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

H. Douglas Lee

INSTALLATION OF NEW ALUMNI

Susan P. Anderson
Executive Director of Alumni Relations

ALMA MATER

Dear Alma Mater, smile upon thy children,
Gladly we greet thee, altogether lovely!
Peace be within thy classic halls and temples.
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

Dear Alma Mater, tenderly thy children
Gather and bring to thee gracious salutations.
Comrades, your voices lift once again in chorus;
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

BENEDICTION

Jefferson P. Rogers
Director, The Howard Thurman Center

RECESSIONAL

In resurrectione tua Christe

Jacobus Gallus

Stetson University Brass Ensemble

*The audience is asked to stand during the Processional and the Recessional.
During the Recessional, please remain at your seat until all graduates have reached the exits.*

A quiet room is available for families with small children. Please ask any usher.

There will be a reception in Hollis Center immediately following the ceremony.

Please turn off the sound for pagers and cell phones and refrain from using them during the ceremony.



MISSION

Our mission at Stetson University is to provide an excellent education in an intellectually challenging and collaborative learning community. We pursue excellence through superior teaching, close student/faculty interaction, creative and scholarly activity, and programs solidly grounded in liberal learning. We seek academically talented students with leadership potential and records of personal growth and community service. We prepare them for rewarding careers, selective graduate and professional programs, and a lifetime of learning. Building on Stetson's Christian tradition, we pursue truth in an open and caring environment that is socially and religiously diverse. The university encourages all members of its community to be morally sensitive and effective citizens committed to active forms of social responsibility.

HERITAGE

Stetson University, Florida's first private university, was founded in 1883 by Henry A. DeLand, a New York philanthropist, as DeLand Academy. In 1887, the Legislature of the State of Florida enacted the Charter of DeLand University as an independent and autonomous institution of higher learning.

The university name was changed in 1889 to honor John B. Stetson, the nationally known hat manufacturer who gave generously of his time and means to advance the quality and reputation of the institution, and who served, with Mr. DeLand and others, as a founding trustee of the university.

The first charter stated the objective of the university should be "to promote the general interests of education, and to qualify its students to engage in the learned professions or other employments of society, and to discharge honorably and usefully the various duties of life."

Stetson's first president, Dr. John F. Forbes, clearly described the commitment to teaching, which has been a hallmark of the university throughout its history:

"Buildings, libraries and apparatus are good and give added power, but the vital contact of students with a vigorous and stimulating mind and heart – this is the *sine qua non* of a successful education... The most important thing is to find men and women of large heart and mind, apt to teach and full of enthusiasm and stimulating power... to develop in the student the habit of independent judgment – of investigating statements and principles for oneself, and thus for oneself discover their truth or falsity."

The men and women who comprise the university's current faculty would find nothing to dispute in that statement.

MACE

The use of maces by corporations dates back to the 13th century. Maces were originally war instruments used for organizing mayhem and were carried by the sergeant-at-arms of the organization. In the European and in the older American universities it symbolizes the dignity and authority of the president and the corporation or the board of trustees.

Stetson's mace, designed by Episcopalian Canon Edward Nason West of New York, was presented to former president J. Ollie Edmunds in 1956 at the May Commencement ceremony. Canon West, of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, is a leading authority on heraldry and the ancient symbolism on which much academic protocol is based.

The mace is described here by the artist:

"Stetson's mace is designed so that anyone could easily place the university's geographic location and chartering power. The palm buds from Florida's state seal form a base for the head of the mace. The legend around the bowl makes the particular institution's motive clear. The crenulations constitute what is known as a "canting device" since they are a play on the Latin word "stet" meaning "may it stand." The anchor, heart and cross – repeated twice in ornamenting them – are taken from the seal of the City of DeLand. From the top of the mace rises the shield of the university. The mace takes its basic shape from the mace of the Baptist Long Parliament, thus signifying the Baptist roots of the university."

The mace was made by Daniel Spencer, master gold and silversmith, of William Comyns & Sons, Ltd., London. The firm was established in 1645 and examples of its craftwork can be found in St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.



MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, worn at all official academic occasions, was cast for the inauguration of former Stetson President John E. Johns in 1969. The medallion, cast in silver, is the university seal embraced by a wreath of laurel.

THE STETSON COLORS

The Stetson colors, green and white, were adopted about the same time as the seal. At the first commencement in 1893 the stage was decorated in Green and White. It is believed that the colors were chosen from the rich green of the orange trees and the pure white of the orange blossoms, a magnificent sight in the spring throughout Florida's great citrus belt. The color white represents purity and green signifies growth.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The traditional pageantry of an academic procession, such as the one which opens today's commencement exercises, is one of the impressive spectacles of our time. Its significance is attested by the array of handsome gowns and vividly colored hoods worn by members of the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and other officers of the university. These display the symbols of scholarly attainment.

The earliest illustrations of gowns worn at Oxford University in England somewhat resemble cassocks worn by English teachers who found good use for the hood, or cowl, as protection against weather. The American system of academic heraldry indicates the level of a degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted.

The American mortarboard, derived from the soft Oxford cap, is black. Its tassel, for holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees, is usually black, although gold tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees and heads of institutions. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap by undergraduates, on the left by holders of bachelor's and higher degrees.

It is the hood that provides academic regalia its color and offers the most information about its wearer. The silk lining of the hood bears the color, or colors, of the degree-granting college or university; its velvet facing reveals the color assigned to each area of study. The doctor's gown may bear velvet trimming on the front and sleeves — such as dark blue for Doctors of Philosophy. A few institutions, mostly overseas but some in this country, authorize the wearing of colored robes, departing from the traditional black and brightly displaying the official colors of the university.

FACULTY COLORS

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business, Accountancy.....	Drab
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Fine Arts	Brown
Journalism.....	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Music.....	Pink
Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Science	Cream
Social Work.....	Citron
Theology	Scarlet

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

The circular seal of Stetson University was first adopted between 1889 and 1891, about the time the name of the institution was changed from DeLand College to John B. Stetson University. It first appeared on a university catalog in 1891. The drawing was by an artist-in-residence and approved by President Forbes, Henry DeLand and John B. Stetson, as well as by the Board of Trustees. The Latin Motto, "Pro Deo et Veritate," is translated "For God and Truth." The Lamp, signifying the Light of Truth, rests on the Book of Wisdom.

The seal has been altered slightly several times in the course of Stetson's history. The current version reflects the university's new charter, dated 1995, officially changing the university's name from John B. Stetson University to Stetson University, while maintaining its most prominent and traditional elements: The Motto, the Lamp and the Book of Wisdom.



DR. ROBERT K. SITLER



Dr. Robert K. Sitler teaches Spanish language and culture at Stetson University and received the 2001 McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest honor Stetson bestows on DeLand campus faculty members.

Dr. Sitler joined Stetson's Modern Languages and Literatures faculty in 1994, after earning his doctorate in Hispanic literature from the University of Texas, Austin. He also holds master's and bachelor's degrees in Spanish from Kent State University in Ohio, where he won Phi Beta Kappa honors. A specialist in Mayan culture, he has published many articles and speaks frequently on topics related to the Mayan world.

Before coming to Stetson, he taught at the University of Texas, Austin, and Concordia College, also in Austin, as well as the University of Guanajuato in Mexico and Kent State University. No stranger to practical matters, during his student years he worked as a carpenter and construction supervisor.

In the summer of 2000, Dr. Sitler studied in Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras, as part of a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, examining the Mayan cultural expressions in those countries. He also spends time each year in the Mayan community of Todos Santos Cuchumatán in Guatemala, in order to immerse himself in the culture and to study the Mam Mayan language.

Chair of Stetson's Environmental Responsibility Council, one of six groups making up the Values Council, Dr. Sitler is also a member of the Latin American Studies Committee and directs student internships in the Mexican-American community. He helped institute a Stetson study-abroad program at the University of Guanajuato in Mexico, and has twice brought Mayan families from Todos Santos to DeLand to share their viewpoints and culture with the Stetson community and the public in a series of talks.

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DECEMBER 15, 2001
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Kissimmee, Florida

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MASTER OF ARTS

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MASTER OF EDUCATION

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SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Robert A. Barrett

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Lindsay Addison

Nicole Hughes

Alexandra Lueth

Michael McCombs

Lisa McManus

CUM LAUDE

Mary Atkins

Kelley Cannon

Megan Fogle

David Gray

Amy Hawkins

Olga Khroustaleva

Amanda McCallister

Ulegbek Shodmonev

Lucia Smyk

Natara Williams

David G. Welford

GRADUATION
HONORS;
SUMMA
CUM LAUDE,
MAGNA
CUM LAUDE
AND
CUM LAUDE

HONORS RECOGNITIONS

Stetson University applauds its December 2001 graduates who have achieved high honors in completing their degrees.

PHI BETA KAPPA

Stetson was the first private university in Florida to be honored with a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honorary society. Since 1776, Phi Beta Kappa has promoted "high scholarship, liberal culture, and good character" among undergraduates. Election to Phi Beta Kappa is Stetson's highest recognition of excellence in the study of the liberal arts and sciences.

Lindsay Addison

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society providing the highest academic recognition available for an undergraduate or graduate business student. Beta Gamma Sigma recognizes outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs accredited by AACSB International. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the upper 7 percent of the junior class, upper 10 percent of the senior class, or upper 20 percent of the graduating master's class.

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Zachary Cheek

Rebecca Cofer

Erik Earp

Anne Nashed

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

David Roemer

HONORS PROGRAM

Now in its forty-third year, the Honors Program at Stetson University is one of the oldest in the nation. Its mission is to provide "enriched and intellectually stimulating learning experiences for inquisitive and motivated students." To graduate "In Honors," a student must complete a rigorous sequence of courses in general education, fulfill all requirements for a major (and often a second major or minors), write a personal credo, pass a comprehensive oral examination, and maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0. The Honors Program also has a strong tradition of providing leaders to student government, campus media, and service organizations.

Lindsay Addison

Alexandra Lueth



